



Thunder Bay Girls Softball Association

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CRRA - Thunder Bay Girls Softball Association 2025 INFORMATION PACKAGE

Welcome to the CRRA-TBGSA recreational softball program! We're very excited you're interested in playing girls' softball this season. This information package will provide important information to help you prepare for the upcoming season. **Before registering for the season, please read this information carefully to ensure your player can fully commit to the expectations.**

Eligibility:

- Before registering for the league, please ensure your player can commit to regular season games AND the tournament.
- Commitment - Because there are limited spaces in each division, we cannot take players who are only committed to half the season. Teams depend on all players to attend every game in order to progress, develop skills, learn the game, and receive playing time in certain positions.
- Players who do not show commitment to the team may not have the opportunity to learn or play in different positions, like pitcher or 1st base.

Divisions:

- Major/Minor (MM) - Girls ages 8 - 11* - will likely play on Mondays and Wednesdays
- PeeWee (PW) - Girls ages 12 - 14* - will likely play on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Bantam/Ladies - Girls/women ages 15+ - will likely play on various days Monday - Thursday
- Sundays are reserved for make-up games due to inclement weather, cancelled games, and rescheduled games.
- Practices may occur anytime during the week or weekend and will be determined by the head coach

**11 and 14-year-olds may play up a division depending on their skill level. This will be determined at evaluations. If you are planning to play up a league, you must attend evaluations for assessment.*

Registration Information:

- Registration Cost: \$140
- Registration is not considered complete until we receive both your completed/signed registration form *and* your payment.
- There are limited spaces available in each division.
- We do not accept player friend requests. Siblings who are in the same division will be placed on the same team, unless requested otherwise.

Online registration:

- Closes: April 12, 2025
- Registration is to be completed using our online form. (If you cannot complete the online form, please come to our in-person registration).
- Make your payment.

In-person registration:

- In-person registration will occur on the following dates at the Current River Community Centre. Please note that in-person registration may be cancelled if capacity in the league is reached. Check the website and our socials for updates.
 - Wednesday, March 19 - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 - Wednesday, April 2nd - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 - Saturday, April 5th - 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
 - Saturday, April 12th - 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Please bring your payment with you.

Payment Information:

- Send in your payment. We accept cash, cheque, or e-transfer.
- E-transfer to: community@currentrivercom.com.
 - *If sending an e-transfer, it is password protected. We suggest using "softball" as the answer.*
 - ***Please ensure the first and last name of your player as it appears on the registration form appears in the comment section of the e-transfer.***
- Cheques payable to: CRRA or Current River Rec Association
- **Please note your registration is not considered complete until we receive your fee.**
- You will be emailed a confirmation once we have received both the registration form and the registration fee.

Important Dates:

- **Evaluations:** In order to create teams that are fair in skill level and development, the league will hold its pre-season evaluations in late April. Evaluations are scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2025 at The Hangar, Lakehead University.
 - Minor/Major division @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 - PeeWee division @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 - Bantam/Ladies @ 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 - Attending evaluations is mandatory and all players should plan to attend. If you cannot make this, please let the league know. We must evaluate skill levels to create the teams.
 - Bring your glove and indoor runners.

- **Coaches Meeting & Draft Selection:** A meeting for all coaches and coaching staff is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30 at the Current River Rec Centre. The draft selection for each division will occur after the coaches meeting.
- **Practice Begins:** Early May depending on the weather
 - Anticipated date is the week of May 5th or 12th
- **League Begins:** Mid May depending on the weather
 - Anticipated date is the week of May 12th or 20th
- **Softball Tournament Week: June 27 - 29**
 - Please review your calendars and save the date! It's important that all players are available for the wind-up tournament.

Rules:

- The league follows the rules outlined by the 2024/2025 Softball Canada Official Rule Book with some exceptions. These exceptions are outlined in our House Rules. Coaches will receive a copy of the house rules at the coaches' meeting.

Equipment & Attire:

All players are required to have the following for practices and games:

- Jerseys will be provided for all players.
- Players must wear long pants, usually joggers or leggings. For safety reasons, shorts are not allowed to be worn during games.
- Players must have their own glove.
- Players must have their own batting helmet.
 - In the Major/Minor division, players must have a helmet with a cage/case for protection.
- Players must wear runners/cleats. Open-toed shoes are not allowed. Cleats must be soft or hard rubber; no metal cleats are allowed.
- Please bring your own water bottle, hat, and sunscreen to each game. As we play in all types of weather, players must dress accordingly including bringing rain gear.
- Bats - players who use their own bats, must ensure they meet Softball Canada's regulations.
 - See the list of approved bats here:
<https://softball.ca/programs/umpires/approved-bats>

Coaches, Volunteers & Umpires Needed:

- TBGSA recognizes the dedication and commitment required by all players, parents and volunteers to have a successful season and in order for that to happen, we need coaches, volunteers, and umpires.

- Every year, we struggle to get umpires. Please consider umping for us. Umpires are paid \$35 - \$40 per game. For more information about umping, please contact Todd: tbgsaumpire@gmail.com
- **Only coaches on the coaching roster will be allowed in the dugout. If you are interested in coaching, you must register.**
- We also need our community members to join our executive team to help manage and organize the league.
- [To volunteer, coach, ump, and join the executive team, please fill out this Interest Form.](#)

Contact Information:

- General Inquiries: tbaygsa@gmail.com
- Phone: (807) 683-8451 (Current River Community Centre)

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